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“SPOKE PERMANENT MAGNET ROTORS FOR
ELECTRIC MACHINES AND METHODS OF
MANUFACTURING SAME”

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
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Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed May 30, 2006.

Applicants wish to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 1-15, 17-20, 22-31, 33-39, 43-44, 47, 50, 52, 54, and 56-70 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to certain features of independent claims 1, 19, 33, and 64 and are not the only reasons that claims 1-15, 17-20, 22-31, 33-39, 43-44, 47, 50, 52, 54, and 56-70 are allowable. Claims 1, 19, 33, and 64 may include additional patentable

features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art. Additionally, each of dependent claims 2-15, 17-18, 20, 22-31, 34-39, 43-44, 47, 50, 52, 54, 56-63 and 65-70 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

As such, claims 1-15, 17-20, 22-31, 33-39, 43-44, 47, 50, 52, 54, and 56-70 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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